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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

REXFORD N. BARNIE

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hartmaier (US Pat# 6,553,022) in view of Leon (US Pat# 6,680,923) or Langseth et al. (US Pat# 6,694,316).

Regarding claim 1, Hartmaier teaches a method and apparatus for providing a connection to a data network comprising in (see figs. 1-3) wherein a call record data can be gathered by network elements including a local switch and sent along to elements including an authentication platform and finally to an ISP for billing purposes and according to Hartmaier, revenue sharing can be provided to compensate certain network elements/providers for services provided in (see col. Lines 62-col. 6 line 64, col. 7 lines 11-15).

Hartmaier fails to teach the possibility of providing Internet telephony and still implement revenue sharing.

Leon teaches a communication system and method in (see figs. 1-2 and col. 4) wherein revenue sharing can be done.

Langseth et al. teaches a system wherein services including internet services can be provided and revenue sharing can be implemented in (see cols. 3-4, col. 8 lines 31-39, col. 9 lines 28-50, col. 13, cols. 25 lines 58-col. 26, col. 27 line 45-col. 28).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of either Langseth or Leon into that of Hartmaier thus making it possible to provide revenue sharing in any network environment to compensate network service providers for services provided when setting up communications using other's network resources.

Regarding claims 2-10 and 12-19, see the explanation as set forth regarding the combination applied (see figs. of references, col. 6 of '022).

Regarding claims 11 and 20-22, The combination including Hartmaier teaches for instance maintaining at a switch, billing data in (see col. 4 lines 9-11) and the examiner takes official notice that it's well known to bill user's based on connection time, number of bytes transmitted or on flat fee basis

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **REXFORD N BARNIE** whose telephone number is 571-272-7492. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CURTIS KUNTZ can be reached on 571-272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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